

Michigan Archaeology Month 2006

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JONESVILLE

Third Annual Jonesville Log Jail Excavation
Saturday and Sunday,
Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Watch as Dr. Misty Jackson, local resident Gary Noblit and students continue the search for the foundations of the 1830s log jail. Previous excavations have already found artifacts from the same period.

Location: City Park, intersection of US-12 and M-99, Jonesville, MI
Contact: Dr. Misty Jackson, 517/589-2467 or jacksol9@msu.edu

MACKINAW CITY

Mackinac State Historic Parks' Archaeology Day
Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join Curator of Archaeology Lynn Evans for a special archaeology tour of Fort Michilimackinac at 10:30 a.m. and a slide talk, "Archaeology at Michilimackinac," at 2:30 p.m. Archaeologists will be on hand all day to answer questions. Spend the day enjoying the "Treasures from the Sand" exhibit, ruins, reconstructed buildings and living history experiences. Regular admission (\$9.50/adults, \$6/children ages 6-17) includes all events.

Location: Colonial Michilimackinac, Mackinaw City, MI. Contact: Lynn Evans, 231/436-4100, evansLL@michigan.gov, or visit www.mackinacparks.com

MONROE

Custer's Last Trooper video
Saturday, Oct. 7, 3:30 to 4:40 p.m.

General George Custer was one of Michigan's most famous soldiers. Archaeological investigation at the Little Big Horn battle site found the partial remains of a member of Custer's Seventh Cavalry. The video documenting the attempt to identify this trooper will be shown as part of Monroe's "Custer Week."

Location: Monroe County Historical Museum, 126 S. Monroe St., Monroe, MI
Contact: Laurel E. Heyman, 734/241-0252 or leheyman@mac.com

ST. CLAIR

The Search for Fort St. Joseph:
Implications for Finding Fort Sinclair
Friday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.

Dr. Michael Nassaney of Western Michigan University discusses the techniques he used to find the lost Fort St. Joseph in Berrien County, and how Fort Sinclair (c. 1764-1785) might be found in St. Clair County. \$5 donation.

Location: St. Clair Historical Museum, 308 4th St., St. Clair, MI. Contact the museum at 810/329-6888, or Gene Mayhew at emayhew@mts.edu.



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LANSING

Michigan Archaeology Day
Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Visit the Michigan Historical Museum for lectures, displays and children's activities. Talk to the staff of the Office of the State Archaeologist about your finds, and see what people around the state have been learning about the past. See reverse side of this flyer for the full program.

Location: Michigan Historical Museum, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
Contact: 517/373-3559, arasimj@michigan.gov, or visit www.michiganhistory.org

MIDLAND

Volunteer Excavation and Lab Work
Saturdays in October, as weather permits, 9 a.m. to noon (field work)
Wednesdays in October, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (lab work)

Learn how to swing a screen at an on-going excavation at the Sias East site, or how to clean and catalog the finds. The Oxbow Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society invites you to watch or participate in excavating a Native American site. Limited to adults and high school students. Call ahead to be sure of the time and place.

Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Rd., Midland. Contact: 989/631-0830 or visit www.chippewanaturecenter.com/oxbow

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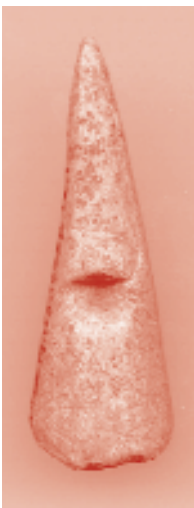
AT THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006
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Outdoor Fun: Between the visitors parking lot and the front entrance
Archaic Tool Time
Put away your cell phone and try out some 5000-year-old technology. Chop wood with a stone axe, drill a hole in slate using a reed, or shoot at a deer target using an atlatl (spear thrower). Presented by Mike Mauer of the Saginaw Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society.

Children's Activities: **Gabriel Richard Room, First Floor**
Long Ago, in Words and Pictures. Archaeological coloring pages, games and handouts for children, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Storybook reading at 12:30. Listen to an archaeologist read [Right Here on This Spot](#), by Sharon Hart Addy. See actual artifacts from our collections similar to the ones pictured in the book.

Archaeology Information Station: Museum Lobby
Free handouts about archaeology, provided by the Office of the State Archaeologist, Conference on Michigan Archaeology and the Michigan Archaeological Society. There will be archaeologists on hand to answer your questions.



Displays: Second Floor, Michigan Historical Museum
Archaeology at the Lower Huron Metro Park
See prehistoric and historic artifacts and photos of students in action at Eastern Michigan University's field school. Presented by Dr. Brad Ensor and students from Eastern Michigan University.

Archaeology in the North Woods
A good place to camp is always a good place to camp. See the results of archaeological work in the northern half of our state. Presented by Sean B. Dunham and Dr. Michael J. Hambacher of the Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group, Inc.

Caribou Antlers and the Perry House Saved in Genesee County
View the woodland caribou antlers recently unearthed by construction near the Paleo-Indian Gainey and Butler sites, and learn how the 1834 Perry House in Grand Blanc was saved from destruction. Presented by Don Simons of the Saginaw Chapter, Michigan Archaeological Society.

Caring for Your Collection
See how artifacts can be cared for and displayed so others can admire and learn from them. View examples from avocational archaeologist Ron Burk's collection. State Archaeologist John R. Halsey is on hand to give advice and help you identify your artifacts.

Flintknapping Demonstration
How did people hunt and butcher game before there were guns and steel knives? How did they tan hides or chop down trees using only tools made of bone and stone? Bob Love of the Michigan Flintknappers demonstrates how to make stone tools to get the job done.

Mastodons!
Learn what Dr. Daniel C. Fisher has been finding out about mastodons and mammoths by studying the bones, teeth and tusks of these extinct elephant-like creatures. Slides and photos show how the bones are recovered in the field and studied in the lab. Presented by Dr. Fisher's assistant, Dr. Scott Beld of the Museum of Paleontology at the University of Michigan, and members of the Huron Valley Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society.

Petroglyph Rubbings
Make an image to take home using casts of some of the rock carvings at the Sanilac Petroglyphs near Cass City. Presented by Michigan Historical Museum education unit staff.

River Raisin Battlefield
Artifacts from the River Raisin Battlefield in Monroe evoke the tragedy of one of the key struggles of the War of 1812. Presented by the Monroe County Historical Commission and the River Raisin Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society.

The Wreck of the JOSEPH S. FAY
In 1905, the steamer JOSEPH S. FAY ran aground and broke to pieces in heavy seas off Presque Isle County. This summer archaeologists and students mapped, photographed and drew the remaining wreckage, both on shore and under 15 feet of water. The work was conducted by the University of Rhode Island, St. Mary's College and the Office of the State Archaeologist, assisted by students from the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. Presented by Wayne R. Lusardi of the Office of the State Archaeologist.

This Old Cabin: 2006 Excavations at a Nineteenth - Century Log Structure
See artifacts and photos of this summer's excavation at a log cabin site (1850-1890) in Muskegon State Game Area. Presented by Erica Schultz and Dr. Janet Brashler of Grand Valley State University.

MICHIGAN ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

AT THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Special Presentations:
Forum Auditorium · Archaeologists show slides of their recent work in Michigan

11 a.m.
"Stone Plows, Bark Spuds, and an Internet Hoax: Just Another Day in the Office of the State Archaeologist," presented by Dr. Dean L. Anderson of the Office of the State Archaeologist

What's the best part about working in the Office of the State Archaeologist? Identifying artifacts brought in by the public, doing field checks to help protect sites, or tracking down imposters on the Internet- all help keep the job interesting.

1p.m.
"Explorations at a Late Prehistoric Earthwork in Muskegon County," presented by Dr. Janet Brashler and Dr. Donald Gaff of Grand Valley State University

See what archaeologists from Grand Valley State University discovered at a 600-800-year-old circular earthen enclosure on the banks of the Muskegon River. Although the site was partly excavated in the 1930s, this year's work revealed more artifacts and new details on how the enclosure was constructed.

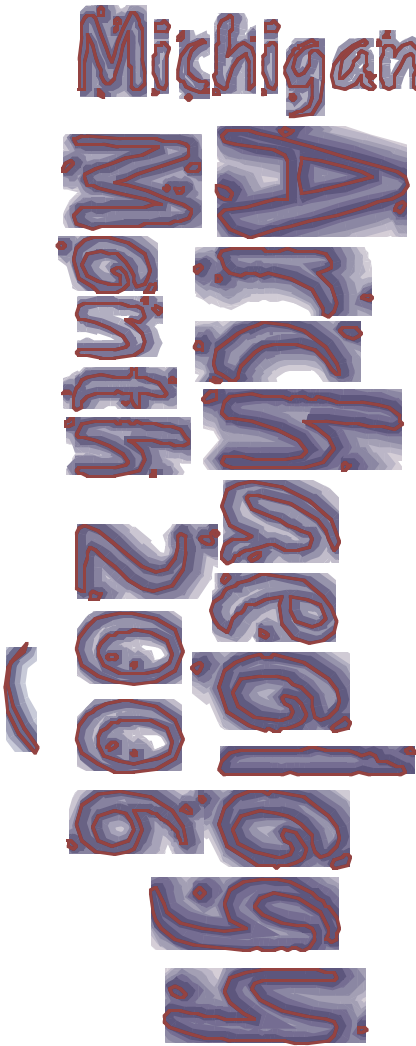
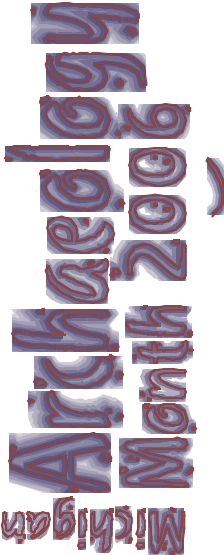
2 p.m.
"Searching for Sites in Wayne County: Eastern Michigan University Archaeological Field School at Lower Huron Metro Park," presented by Dr. Brad Ensor of Eastern Michigan University

Learn how students at Eastern Michigan University earned college credits while helping the Lower Huron Metro Park develop an inventory of cultural resources along this stretch of the Huron River.



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